Statement

Number of units State-wise which have not reported production in the last two years

Names of the State	No. of Mills
Andhra Pradesh	3
Assam	2
Bihar	4
Gujarat	8
Haryana	4
Karnataka	4
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	8
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	4
Tamil Nadu	2
Uttar Pradesh	13
West Bengal	10
TOTAL :	67

Complaints against the non-delivery of Mail

3537. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the non-delivery or very late delivery of mails from the Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle during the current financial year till January, 1988; and

(b) details of the remedial measures taken to improve the working of the postal department and to what extent these measures have been successful?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 14896 complaints were received during the current financial year till January, 1988.

(b) (i) A regular check is exercised over the delivery of articles in post offices through Public Relations Inspectors (postal), Mail Overseers and Inspector of Post Offices.

(ii) Test letters/Trial Cards are posted by various officers in the Department to monitor effectiveness of delivery.

(iii) Mail arrangements are reviewed as a regular measure and arrangements monitored.

(iv) Complaints are enquired into throughly and remedial action as required is taken.

(v) Special drives are undertaken to ensure punctual clearance of letter boxes.

(vi) Special test letter runs are undertaken selectively.

(vii) Random sample-survey of live mails received for delivery is carried out with a view to check transmission norms.

The above steps have resulted in improvement of the Quality of service.

Declaring Kalahandi a 'No Industry District'

3538. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to declare Kalahandi district as category 'A' "No Industry District"; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As there is a medium scale industry existing in Kalahandi, it is not eligible for inclusion in the list of 'No Industry Districts'.

Establishing national telecommunication network

3539. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to study the available technological options and to take measures for establishing a national telecommunication network; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government in consultation with the Technology Missions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) An integrated national telecommunication network already exists in the country.

Efforts are continuously being made to study and adapt the various technological options for further development and enhancement of the telecommunication network.

The more important steps taken in this matter are the following:

(i) to provide digital transmission links between Metropolitan cities, State Capitals and District Headquarters;

(ii) to establish digital trunk exchanges for the major switching centres; and

(iii) to provide STD facility at District Headquarters.

Constant interaction is kept with the Technology Mission on Better Communications.

Expansion of telephone exchanges in Orissa

3540. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges expanded in Orissa during the year 1987-88;

(b) the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the proposals for the expansion of telephone exchanges in Orissa in 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Upto the end of Jan, 1988, 20 Telephone Exchanges have been expanded in Orissa.

(b) The amount spent is Rs. 3.24 crores (approximately).

(c) It is proposed to expand about 15 Telephone Exchanges in Orissa during the year 1988-89, depending upon the availability of demand and resources.

Allotment of additional quota of kerosene to Orissa

3541. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has approached the Central Govt. for the allotment of some additional quota of kerosene;

(b) whether Government have also considered the matter and given some concessions in favour of drougt affected areas of Kalahandi district; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND